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SERIAL NO: **ART UNIT:**

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FOR : QUINOXALINONES AS SERINE PROTEASE INHIBITORS SUCH AS

FACTOR XA AND THROMBIN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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BOX PATENT APPLICATION Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment for a Utility (Divisional) Application based on U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/601,606 filed August 3, 2000.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks in the present application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, after the title, please insert:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a divisional of USSN 09/601,606 filed August 3, 2000, now allowed, which is a 371 filing of PCT/US98/26704 filed December 15, 1998, having benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/080,042 filed March 31, 1998. --

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (amended). A compound according to Formula I